

March 4, 2022

Congresswoman Elise Stefanik 2211 Rayburn House Office Building Washington, DC 20515

Dear Congresswoman Stefanik,

On behalf of the Northeast Dairy Producers Association (NEDPA), I would like to express our gratitude to you and other members of the New York Republican Congressional Delegation for your recent letter to Governor Kathy Hochul calling on her to reject the Farm Laborer Wage Board recommendation to lower the overtime threshold from 60 to 40 hours. Our farm families, employees, vendors, communities, and New York consumers will lose out if this change goes through.

NEDPA serves as the voice for dairy farmers that produce over half the milk in New York. Our members are progressive, innovative, and committed to maintaining a viable dairy industry in New York. They are economic drivers in their communities and work hard to influence policy, laws and regulations that affect their business.

NEDPA appreciates your outreach to Governor Hochul, and we value having strong support from New York Congressmembers on this issue. Please do not hesitate to contact NEDPA anytime you have any questions or need additional information on the New York dairy industry.

Sincerely,

John Dickinson, Northeast Dairy Producers Association Chair